

DISCLOSURE DIVISION

☒ **WAIVER REQUEST**
☐ **ANSWER**
☐ **RECONSIDERATION REQUEST**
☐ **UNTIMELY**

DATE: 12/14/2020

DOCKET #: 2020-888

Ashley Wimberley, Director
Disclosure Division

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Mr. Robert Lawrence Thomas
Address: P. O. Box 369, Buras, LA 70041
Office/Position: Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority / West
Dates of Service: 2015-2019
Number of Disclosures and/or Amendments Filed with Agency: 8

REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2017 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19006083
Original Due Date: 5/15/2018
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/15/2019
NOD-amend Received: 6/20/2019 - Signed By: Bonnie Thomas (Wife)
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/1/2019
Amendment/Answer Filed: 12/5/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 157
Total days late from initial due date: 569
Late Fee Order Received: 11/20/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/10/2020
Waiver Request Received: 12/4/2020

COMMENTS:

Robert L. Thomas is requesting a waiver for the late filing of his 2017 and 2018 PFD Statements. Mr. Thomas stated when he filed his 2017 and 2018 PFDs he "was erroneously under the impression that a Parish School Board had no relationship with the State of Louisiana". He has since been advised that this is not the case and has filed the required amendments for both his disclosures. Mr. Thomas asks the Ethics Board to please consider his waiver request, as his "errors were unintentional and not an attempt to circumvent the Rules and Laws of the Louisiana Board of Ethics". He thanks the Ethics Board in advance for their consideration on this matter.

OTHER LATE FEE INFORMATION

Disclosure Statements:

- Other Outstanding Statements: 2016
- Other Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: Yes. 2016 - \$1500 Paid
- Reassessed Late Fees: No

Campaign Finance:

- Outstanding Late Fees: No
- Prior Late Fees: No

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REPORT INFORMATION

Name of Report: Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure covering calendar year 2018 - Amendment
Report ID: PFD19006081
Original Due Date: 5/15/2019
Initial PFD Filed on: 5/15/2019
NOD-amend Received: 6/20/2019
Amendment/Answer Due Date based on NOD: 7/1/2019
Amendment/Answer Filed: 12/5/2019

LATE FEE INFORMATION

Amount of Late Fee: \$1500
Days late from receipt of NOD: 157
Total days late from initial due date: 204
Late Fee Order Received: 11/22/2020
Payment/Waiver Request Due Date: 12/14/2020
Waiver Request Received: 12/4/2020

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ETHICS BOARD REC'D
DEC 9 '20 PM 6:35

Robert L. Thomas

P. O. Box 369

Buras, LA 70041

(504) 458-6167

December 4, 2020

Dear Madame or Sir,

Please accept this correspondence regarding **Late Fee Assessment – Report: PFD19006083.**

This is in regard to my Tier 2.1 Annual Personal Financial Disclosure Statement for 2017 – Amendment. I serve on the Board of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West.

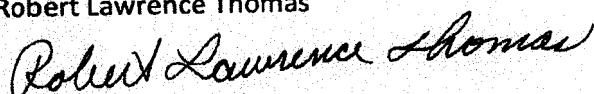
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Please consider my request for this waiver as my error was unintentional and not an attempt to circumvent the Rules and Laws of the Louisiana Board of Ethics. May I also state this is the first time I have filed late.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter and please contact me if additional information is needed.

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